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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT  
AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants:	Karl F. Gruber et al.	Docket No.:	41821.1000
Serial No.:	09/855,143	Confirmation No.:	1123
Filing Date:	May 14, 2001	Examiner:	Gary W. Counts
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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Mail Stop AF  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 2, 2004, the period of response for which is hereby extended by three months to October 4, 2004 (in that October 2, 2004 falls on Saturday), please consider the following remarks:

**Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.**